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In answer to your questions, I reply that we are descended from the first writers in the "Paston Letters," I believe, for Sir William, to whom several of them are addressed, had several sons. The eldest was the ancestor of the Earls of Yarmouth; the fifth Sir Thomas was the source of the Pastons of Appleton and Horton in Somersetshire, whose heiress (daughter of Edward) married Sir Henry Bedingfield, my grandfather.

The King is so well that he is come to the Queen's house to assist at a Court.

Lord Nelson married a widow in the West Indies. He has but one arm; he cut his own meat, as well as I can recollect, but, for aught I know, Lady Hamilton may have helped him.

I dined with the Loutherbourgs on Saturday; they talk of taking a house near Beverley, as they hear much of the pleasures and cheapness of that neighbourhood. In these days of taxation and severity, I conceive there is much less difference than there used to be between one part of Eng-

land and another.

I was prevailed upon last evening to go to the opera. It was anything but an amusement to me. It is the place of all others to annoy me